I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

I'LL GET BREAKFAST READY RIGHT AFTER I CLEAN THE TABLE. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT?

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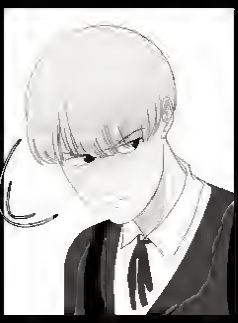
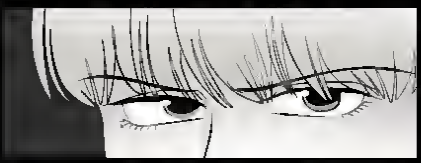
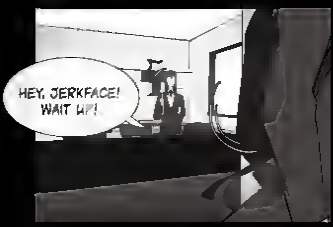
I'M NOT HAVING BREAKFAST.

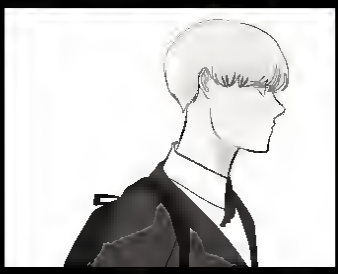


SHE'S NOT MY REAL SISTER.
FATHER BROUGHT UNNIE A LONG TIME AGO AGAINST MOM'S WILL.
MOM TOLD ME THAT SHE REALLY HATED THAT.

BUT MOM SAYS THAT SHE DOESN'T HATE UNNIE







JERKFACE~

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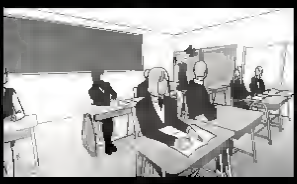
JERKFACE!

HAHA YOU LOOKED! DON'T HAVE YOUR BOOK?

LET'S SHARE!
HEHEH~



I DON'T UNDERSTAND
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND...
IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE DISCRIMINATION... SHE SHOULD BE THE ONE TO KNOW...
...HOW MISERABLE IT REALLY IS.

I JUST SAT THERE QUIETLY WITHOUT HELPING HER AT ALL.

...AND SAID ALL THOSE THINGS. SHE COULD'VE EASILY BEEN ANGRY AT ME

ARE YOU NATURALLY CHEERFUL LIKE THAT?

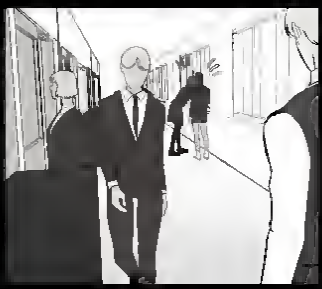
OR...

ARE YOU JUST ACTING CHEERFUL?

DON'T YOU EVEN GET ANGRY?

JUST WHY?

WHY ARE YOU NICE TO ME?



HEY.

WHAT IS THIS?
NO WAY...
UM... YEONHEE, I'LL COME BACK LATER.

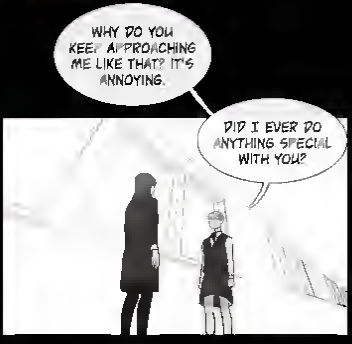
IT'S BREAD OBVIOUSLY.
YOU SKIPPED BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.

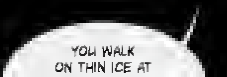
WHEN DID I ASK YOU TO DO THIS?
I WAS JUST WORRIED SO I GAVE IT TO YOU THERE'S NO REASON OR ANYTHING.
WHY ME? WHY DO YOU EVEN CARE? DO YOU OWE ME OR SOMETHING?

I JUST WANTED TO DO IT SO...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND FOR WHAT?
WHY DO YOU LIKE BEING NICE TO ME?

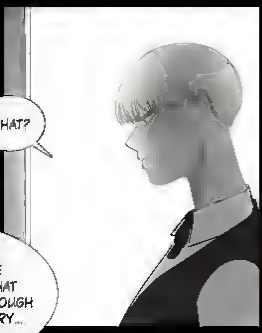
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DIFFICULT...?
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME THAT MUCH?


WHY DO YOU KEEP APPROACHING ME LIKE THAT? IT'S ANNOYING.
DID I EVER DO ANYTHING SPECIAL WITH YOU?


YOU WALK ON THIN ICE AT

HOME BUT WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO BE SO NICE TO ME?
WE LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE... BUT I'M JUST A STRANGER.
JUST LIKE YOUR MOM AND YOUR SISTER...
...I'M A STRANGER AS WELL!
AH...
...SO YOU KNOW...

SO DO YOU HAVE A LOW OPINION OF ME AS WELL?

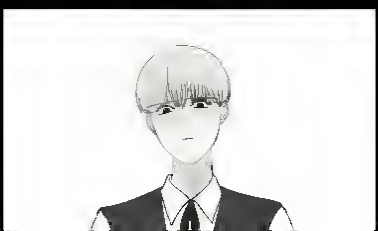


WHAT?

THAT I'M LIKE AN IMPURITY...THAT I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH AND UNNECESSARY...

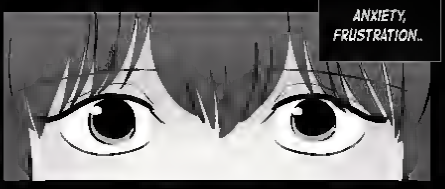
IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME?

IF THAT WAS THE CASE YOU SHOULD'VE JUST TOLD ME SO...



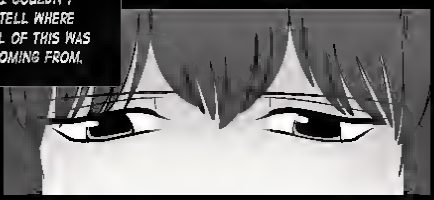
THAT'S WHEN I WONDERED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

WHAT WAS THE EXACT REASON WHY I DIDN'T LIKE YEONHEE...?



ANXIETY, FRUSTRATION..

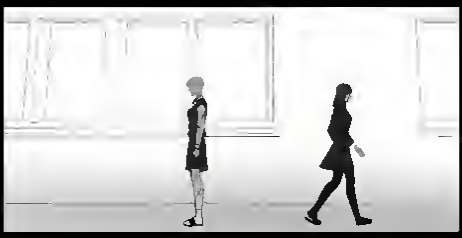
I COULDN'T TELL WHERE ALL OF THIS WAS COMING FROM.



SO I COULDN'T GIVE HER AN ANSWER

REALLY SORRY FOR NOT REALIZING IT SOON ENOUGH.

YOU CAN THROW THAT BREAD AWAY.



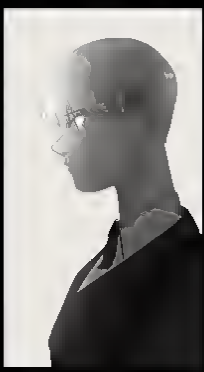
AFTER SAYING ALL THOSE HATEFUL

THINGS...

..WHY WAS I FLUSTERED AND SORRY TO SEE THAT EXPRESSION ON HER FACE?

AFTER FIRING AWAY LIKE THAT AND SEEING SOMEONE ELSE GET HURT...

...WHY WAS I UNHAPPY WITH MYSELF?



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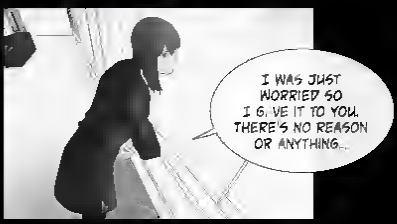
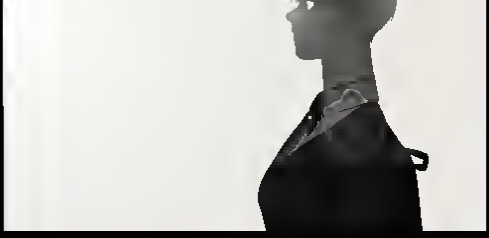

I WAS JUST WORRIED SO I G. VE IT TO YOU. THERE'S NO REASON OR ANYTHING...

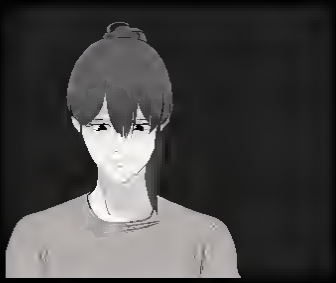
FEAR



THE DISCONTENT...

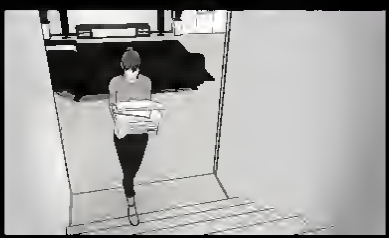
...WAS AN EXCUSE
TO DENY MY FEAR

SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH,
IT DIDN'T TAKE ME VERY LONG
TO FIND THE ANSWER



YEONHEE.
IF YOU'RE DONE EATING, GO PUT HEE-EUN'S TEXTBOOKS IN HER ROOM. THEY'RE ON THE TABLE IN THE LIVING ROOM.

YES.



GIVE THEM TO ME.

I'LL TAKE THEM.
...???

NO, I'LL...
THEY'RE FOR HEE-EUN AND ME TO USE.
I'LL TAKE THEM SO YOU CAN GO TO YOUR ROOM.

...

A WHILE LATER

WHAT...WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M SLEEPING OUT TODAY.

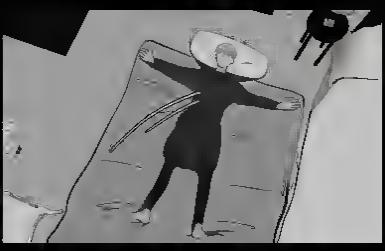
DID YOU TELL YOUR MOTHER...?
I DON'T HAVE TO. I'M NOT HEE-EUN, SO...SHE NEVER REALLY CARED
YOU CAN SLEEP COMFORTABLY TODAY.

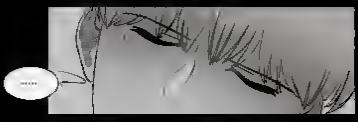
WHERE ARE YOU STAYING AT?!
AT MY FRIEND'S PLACE

...

TAK

SIGH...

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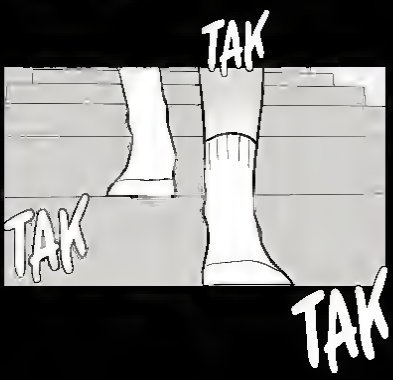
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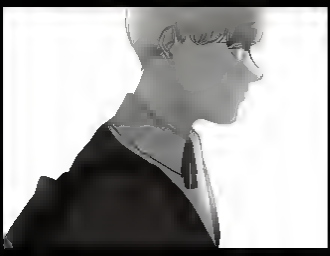
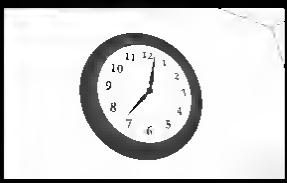
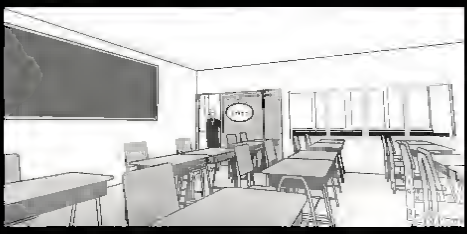
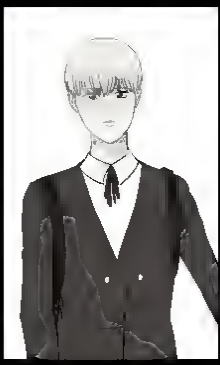
SKIPPING BREAKFAST?
I'M LEAVING EARLY TO PRACTICE.









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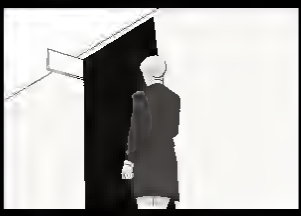
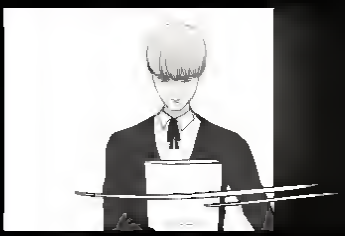
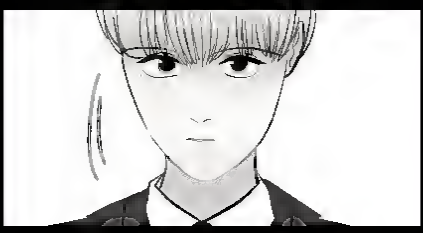
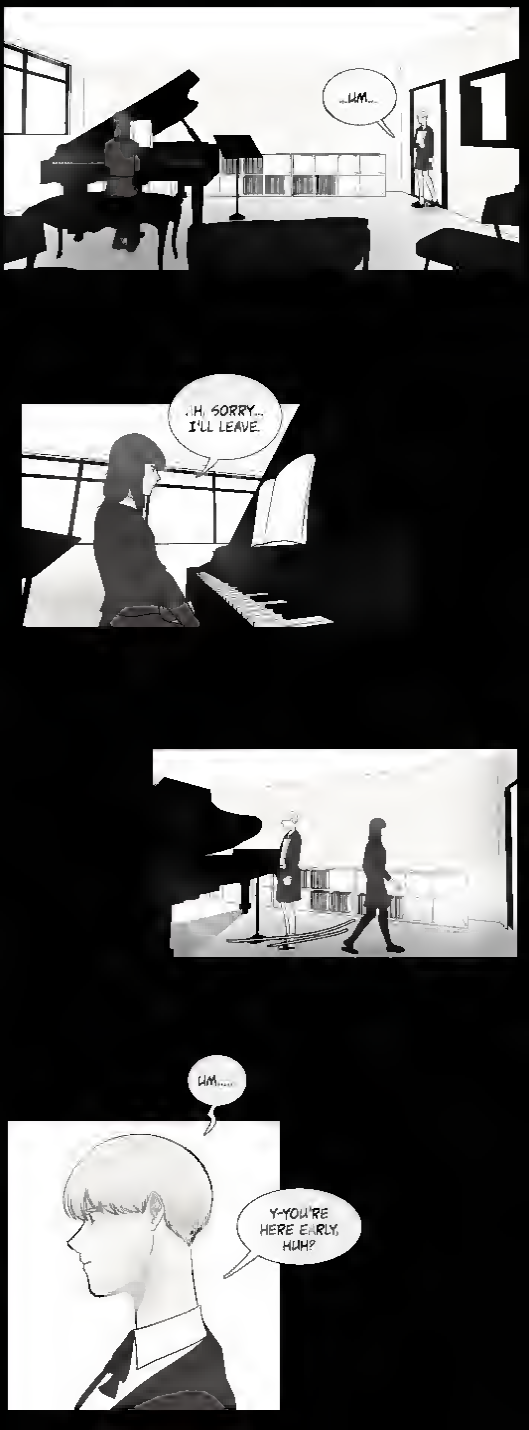
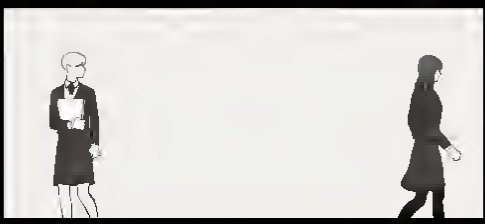


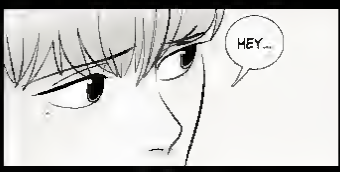





...UM...
...H, SORRY... I'LL LEAVE.
UM.....
Y-YOU'RE HERE EARLY, HUH?

AH... YEAH.
IT'S THE ONLY TIME I CAN PRACTICE SO...




HEY...

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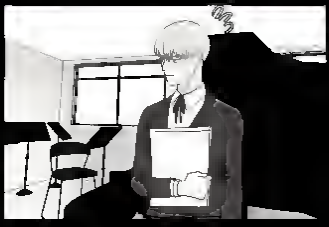
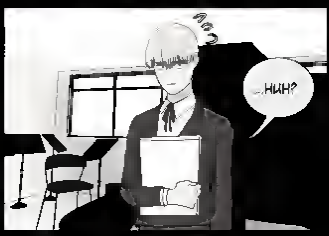



...HUH?

WANT TO TALK FOR A BIT?
AH, SURE..

SO YOU HEARD FROM HEE-EUN
YEAH...
STILL~ I'M TOUCHED THAT SHE SAID IT LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE TOUCHED?
SHE PUT IT IN A NICE WAY IS WHAT I'M SAYING
MOTHER ACTUALLY HATES ME
WHY?

BECAUSE I WAS BROUGHT HOME AGAINST HER WILL.
BECAUSE OF ME, HER RELATIONSHIP WITH DAD FELL APART...
BEFORE HEE-EUN WAS BORN, SHE ACTED AS IF I DIDN'T EVEN EXIST...
IT'S AT LEAST LIKE THIS NOW THAT HEE-EUN IS HERE...
DIDN'T SHE TELL YOU THAT?
I DIDN'T GET TO HEAR THAT PART...
RIGHT...
BUT...AREN'T YOU MAD?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF GETTING ANGRY? I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THEY DIDN'T THROW ME OUT...
I MEAN...I DON'T GET IT AT HOME BUT I AM LOVED IN SOME WAYS, SO...I'M FINE WITH THAT...

BUT STILL... THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D BE HAPPY JUST WITH THAT...

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FATHER...?
RIGHT AFTER HEE-EUN WAS BORN...

IT'S SUCH A DEPRESSING STORY. WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE?

JUST ONE MORE THING...
WHAT?
WHY DID YOU PRETEND TO BE FRIENDLY TO ME?
EHH~?
GEEZ, YOU JERKFACE! I WASN'T PRETENDING, OKAY?!
THEN WHY...
I WAS JUST WORRIED!!!
WHAT ABOUT ME MADE YOU WORRIED?
JUST THAT...
...FROM THE

MOMENT I SAW YOU YOU ALWAYS LOOKED DEPRESSED.

I WAS JUST... CURIOUS.

I WONDERED HOW YOU'D LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY...

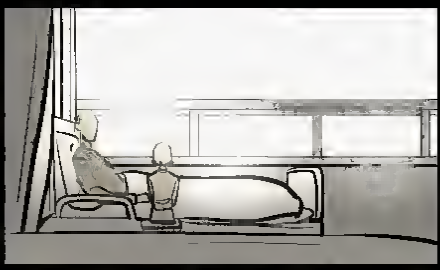
DOES SOMETHING LIKE THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

YEAH IT MAKES ME HAPPY TO BE HELPFUL TO SOMEONE

WEIRD...SO WHENEVER YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS DEPRESSED YOU GET INVOLVED RIGHT AWAY?

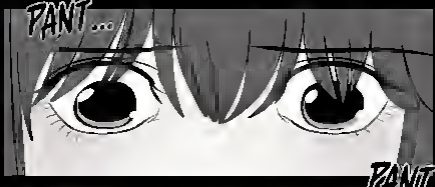
BUT THINGS ARE DIFFICULT

ENOUGH FOR YOU
WHY DO YOU CARE
ABOUT OTHERS?



WE SHOULD GET GOING NOW! FIRST PERIOD WILL START SOON!
HUH?
STRONG

YOU GO AHEAD! I'M GOING TO STOP BY SOMEWHERE QUICKLY!
UH...RIGHT...



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BUT...

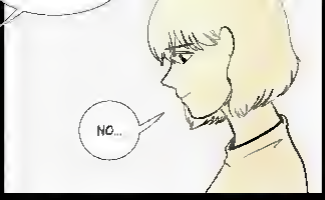
...DAD, THINGS ARE DIFFICULT ENOUGH FOR YOU. WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT OTHERS?

YEONHEE ARE YOU JUST ANOTHER TO ME?

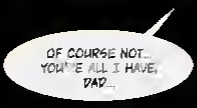
EVERYONE HATES YOU, DAD. MOTHER SAYS YOU'RE INCOMPETENT AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN COME TO SEE YOU.

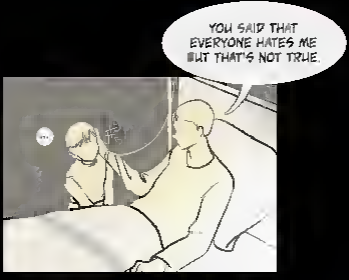
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU SAD?

DO YOU HATE ME, YEONHEE?


NO...

WHY ARE YOU SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
ANSWER ME.


OF COURSE NOT... YOU'RE ALL I HAVE, DAD...


YOU SAID THAT EVERYONE HATES ME BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE.
...

THE REASON WHY I CAN BE HAPPY IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS...
...IS BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME.

HOW CAN YOU BE HAPPY WITH JUST THAT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN JUST THAT?

HAVING A PLACE IN SOMEONE'S HEART LIKE A FLOWER IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN YOU THINK.

YUM~

AND SINCE I'VE MANAGED TO DO SOMETHING SO AMAZING, HOW COULD I NOT BE HAPPY?
I MAY NOT HAVE ANYTHING BUT THE FACT THAT I'M ABLE TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE HAPPY IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY.
YOU'RE SO WEIRD.

I'M SURE YOU'LL EVENTUALLY UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL YEONHEE

I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW NEEDLESSLY KIND YEONHEE WAS.

AND ME... BEING CONSCIOUS AND CONCERNED FOR SOMEONE LIKE HER...

...I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT EITHER

to be continued.